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The Honorable Rashida Tlaib
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P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514The Honorable Mark Meadows
Chair, Judiciary Committee,
House of Representatives
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514**RE: HB 5763 (Tlaib) Electronic Recording of Certain Custodial
Interrogation Sessions**

Dear Representative Tlaib and Chairman Meadows:

On behalf of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP), we wish to express my appreciation for the introduction of HB 5763 and anticipated consideration of the bill on June 30, 2010 by the House Judiciary Committee. MACP supports the legislation and respectfully requests a favorable vote on the bill by the Committee.

Chief George Basar, Legislative Chairman and Immediate Past-president of MACP and worked on this legislation as a member of the State Bar of Michigan's Custodial Interrogation Task Force (Task Force). MACP was also represented on the Task Force by Chief Marty Underhill from Grand Ledge and Vice-Chairman of the MACP Legislative committee. Both Chief Underhill and I appreciated the hard work of the Task Force to recognize concerns from stakeholders and reach a consensus on an important policy decision.

MACP supports the bill because it would be an effective tool for law enforcement. After a thorough review of the practice, including information from other states and pilot projects in Michigan, we believe this would be an improvement in the criminal justice system.

Sincerely,

Chief George Basar, Howell
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CC: Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee